

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(4) The main unit transmits the encryption key via a ~~safety~~safe communication path that prevents an interception (wiretapping).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Note that if the electronic key 2B is lost, the worker who is concerned notifies the issuer that the key 2B is lost. The issuer deletes the key information of the electronic key ~~2b~~2B distributed to that worker from the key information management table. Further, the issuer inputs the key information in a new electronic key 2B ~~in~~using the same procedures and transfers it to the worker who is concerned.